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DUI Court to be held at Phoenix North High School

Motorists caught driving under the influence (DUI) are going to school to be sentenced before a student assembly at North High School providing the teenagers with a first-hand look at justice and consequences. The Maricopa County Central Phoenix Justice Court session begins at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 25.

"I believe this is the first time in the State of Arizona where DUI court is being held live in a high school," said C. Steven McMurry, Central Phoenix Justice of the Peace. "I want the high school students to see a court in session and to realize that grade point averages, their extracurricular activities or who their parents are, will not make a difference if they choose to drink under the age of 21 or drive under the influence of alcohol."

The six defendants to be sentenced are between 19 and 48 years of age. They face from one to 60 days in jail. Their participation in the school assembly fulfills a part of their community service sentencing requirement.

Following the proceedings, students will be allowed to ask questions of the defendants, prosecuting and defense attorneys and Judge McMurry.

A video explaining the consequences of teenage drinking and driving will also be shown to students during the court session.

North High School is located at 12th Street and Thomas In Phoenix.